

How To Carry A Cross

Sunday Morning, April 6, 2014

Thesis:

Never Consider the Cross God Has For Us To Carry
As A Burden But As A Joy!

Introduction:

Christ Bore the Pain of the Cross For Us

I. Carry Your Cross To Be Worthy of Him

(Matthew 10:38)

And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

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(Luke 14: 27)

And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

To Be A Disciple, Means You Must Follow Him

To Carry Our Cross Is To Give Lasting Honor To God

II. Never Be Ashamed of the Cross

(I Corinthians 1:18)

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Cross is foolishness?

(Romans 1:16)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Not Ashamed

(Colossians 2: 13 – 14)

13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,
14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross

Blotting Out All Our Sin

III. Carry Your Cross Not As A Burden, Nor With Disdain, But With Joy! (Luke 9:23)

Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

Our Cross

(Philippians 1:21) For to me, to live is Christ, & to die is gain.

Our Goal Is Not To Escape the Cross, But to Endure It!
When Carrying Our Own Cross for Christ Know That He is
Preparing the Way For Us To Walk In.

(Psalm 23: 1 – 6)

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.
4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff,
they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

Conclusion:

Love the Cross God Has For You Don't Look At It With Disdain
Find Joy in Bearing Your Cross For His Honor and Glory

Invitation and Lord's Supper Service